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**LEBANON THREATS  
 ARE STEPPED UP**

**Terrorist Group Warns of Plan  
 to Attack U.S. Interests —  
 Israel Talks Opposed**

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BEIRUT, Lebanon, Nov. 7 — A caller who said he represented the terrorist group Islamic Holy War made a new threat today to "blow up all American interests" in Lebanon.

The shadowy organization, which has taken responsibility for twice bombing the American Embassy here and for blowing up the Marine garrison, made the threat in a telephone call to the Beirut Arabic-language newspaper As Safir at 1:20 A.M.

"We, the Islamic Jihad Organization, warn on the re-election of Ronald Reagan to the U.S. Presidency, that we shall blow up all American interests in Beirut and any part of Lebanon," the caller said, using the Arabic word for holy war. "We address this warning to every American individual residing in Lebanon."

Last Sept. 20, a suicide truck bomber drove through the new American embassy building in a Christian suburb near East Beirut, killing what the Lebanese authorities now say was a total of 11 people. Islamic Holy War took responsibility for the attack.

**Talks With Israel**

Meanwhile, on the eve of negotiations with Israel over the withdrawal of occupation troops from southern Lebanon, the Lebanese Government found itself facing a Moslem backlash.

Although both the Government of Prime Minister Rashid Karami and Moslem clergymen here have said that the nation's first priority should be the removal of the Israeli troops who have occupied mainly Shiite Moslem South Lebanon since their invasion in 1982, the authorities have come under fire from fundamentalist groups in recent days for their plans to negotiate with Israel.

Perhaps the most serious indication of the backlash was another threat from Islamic Holy War, also published in this morning's As Safir, that any civilian or military official who took part in the talks "would be put on a black list."

This afternoon, a caller delivered another Islamic Holy War warning to a Western news agency here denouncing the talks which are to begin under United Nations auspices Thursday.

"We warn all Cabinet members and

Mohammed al-Hajj, the commander of the Beirut garrison.

One difficult issue during the negotiations is expected to be the future role of the Israeli-created and backed South Lebanese Army, headed by Gen. Antoine Lahd, a retired Lebanese officer.

**Target of Ambushes**

The Lebanese Government refuses to recognize the militia, which has been the target of increasing ambushes and assassination attempts by anti-Israeli guerrilla groups.

Israel, however, is insisting that it continue to provide security for its northern border.

In the south itself, the daily skirmishes continued, with two members of an Israeli-backed militia in Sidon assassinated overnight and another clash in the port city leaving three Israeli soldiers wounded this afternoon.

Islamic Holy War had previously warned that an attack on American interests would take place in the 48 hours leading up to the American election.

American embassies throughout the region went on alert, although no attack has occurred thus far.

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